

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED RULE TO THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND
INTERIORDESIGNERS, CHAPTER 50-9,
REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNER REGISTRATION, RENEWAL
AND REINSTATEMENT**

**Rule 50-9-.07 *Signing and Sealing Documents as Registered Interior
Designer,*
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers, (hereinafter "Board") proposes to adopt a rule of the Board, Rule 50-9-.07 Signing and Sealing Documents as Registered Interior Designer (hereinafter "proposed rule").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule and a synopsis of the proposed rule, is being distributed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a distribution list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed new rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Board's web page at www.sos.ga.gov/plb/architects. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board's office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:45 a.m. on August 20, 2010 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received on or before August 13, 2010. Written comments should be addressed to Randall D. Vaughn, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-314-5805.

The proposed rule will be considered for adoption by the Board at its meeting scheduled to begin at 9:50 a.m. on August 20, 2010, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers has the authority to

amend this rule pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-4-9 and 43-4-14, 43-4-33 and 43-1-19.


At its meeting on August 20, 2010, the Board will vote that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-4-9 and 43-4-14, 43-4-33 and 43-1-19.

Also, at its meeting on August 20, 2010, the Board will vote that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-4-9 and 43-4-14, 43-4-33 and 43-1-19 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of interior design.

For further information, contact the Board office at 478-207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This 19th day of July, 2010.


Randall D. Vaughn
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: July 19, 2010.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE PROPOSED RULE OF THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS
CHAPTER 50-9, RULE 50-9-.07 *Signing and Sealing Documents as Registered
Interior Designer***

Purpose: The Board proposes to adopt a rule requiring registered interior designers to imprint a seal on all documents prepared by the registered interior designer.

Main Features: Requirement of seal; seals may be electronic; seals shall identify the registered interior designer; improper use of seal will be grounds for discipline; description of seal.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE
AND THE PROPOSED RULES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS
AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS
RULE 50-9-.07, *Signing and Sealing Documents as Registered Interior Designer.***

NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

50-9-.07 Signing and Sealing Documents as Registered Interior Designer.

(1) Every holder of a certificate of registration shall secure a SEAL of the design shown below, which shall be imprinted on all documents prepared by the Registered Interior Designer or prepared under his responsible control, or which is a prototypical document for which the Registered Interior Designer of Record is assuming professional responsibility as allowed by this Chapter. The SEAL shall be imprinted on each drawing, imprinted on the cover and index pages identifying all specifications covered by the index pages and imprinted on all other documents of service as well. For all documents of service to be submitted for the purpose of obtaining a building permit or for any other requirement as set forth by law, the registered interior designer's signature shall be original, in permanent blue ink, with the issue date and purpose appropriately identified on the document.

(2) Nothing in these rules shall preclude the use of a seal electronically applied to the document; however, to restrict electronic access to his seal, the Registered Interior Designer of record may elect, for all documents subsequently issued, to substitute for his seal the following notation "These documents have been properly sealed and signed by (named) Registered Interior Designer of record. Original permitted sets of these documents are on file with (name of permitting authority) and are kept at the job site."

(3) All subsequent revisions to the documents shall be made under the responsible control of the Registered Interior Designer of record and when so noted shall be considered the same as those originally signed, sealed and dated.

(4) The SEAL shall serve to identify the Registered Interior Designer as the author or person in responsible control of the preparation of all drawings, specifications, and other document and as the Registered Interior Designer of Record.

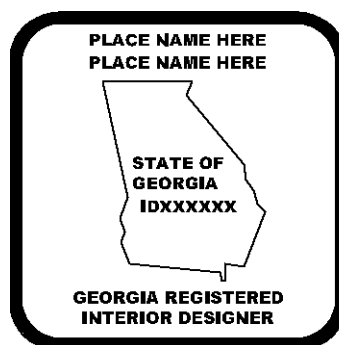
(5) The SEAL in this context means the personal, professional SEAL of a Georgia Registered Interior Designer certified under Code Chapter 43-4 to use the title Registered Interior Designer. A SEAL containing a firm name or a corporate name is not acceptable under this paragraph.

(6) An Registered Interior Designer shall not affix, or permit to be affixed, his SEAL or his name to any drawing, specification, or other document as an Registered Interior Designer unless holding at the time a current certificate of registration in the State of Georgia.

(7) The improper use of the SEAL or permitting the improper use thereof is ground for discipline of a licensee. Any person not licensed who improperly uses the SEAL of another is subject to the sanctions available under Code Chapter 43-4.

(8) Description of SEAL: The SEAL shall contain the NAME of the Registered interior designer, his CERTIFICATE NUMBER and shall contain the words GEORGIA REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNER – STATE OF GEORGIA, all in accordance with the sample shown below.

The SEAL shall comply in all respects with the sample below, including size and format. It shall be 1 3/4" x 1 3/4" inches square, with a 1/16" thick border of and a corner radius of 1/4", with type font and size as indicated: State of Georgia/Arial black, 7 pt.; Registered Interior Designer/ Arial black, 7pt.; Name/ Arial; Certificate Number/ Arial, 7 pt. each to be 1/16" high. The SEAL shall be of a type, which will make an impression by rubber stamp on the surface of the document to which it is applied.



SAMPLE OF SEAL

Authority: §§ 43-1-4, 43-4-9 and 43-4-14, 43-4-33 and 43-1-19.